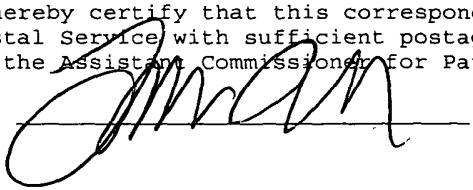
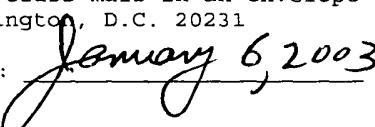




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Applic. No. : 10/062,942

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office action dated October 7, 2002, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Claim 1 (Twice Amended). A method of applying a protective coating to a bottom surface of a wafer, and of protecting bottom edges and corners of chips forming part of the wafer, which comprises the steps of:

forming trenches in a top surface of the wafer;